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(c) In each of the tours useful information was collected in regard to questions affecting individual schools which required local investigation and also in respect of the general question of the development of female education in the locality.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know, with reference to the answer to clause (c) of the question, what information has been obtained ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" I cannot say without notice. Abundant information has been received which the Government consider useful."

Alleged petition for the removal of Miss B. Amirthammal from Government service.

*350 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether Miss B. Amirthammal, Lecturer in the Lady Willingdon Training College, was on leave from 23rd January to 23rd February 1931 and, if so, for what reason;

(b) whether on the expiry of her leave she took her residence in the Widows' Home attached to the College, and, if so, on what terms, and on whose permission; and

(c) whether any petitions were received by the Superintendent of the Home and by the Government for her removal from the Home and from Government service and how they have been disposed of and why?

A.—(a) Miss B. Amirthammal was granted leave for 25 days from the 26th January 1931 for reasons of health.

(b) The Principal has reported that Miss Amirthammal stayed in the Ice House Hostel for the last five days of February, the whole of March and the first five days of April 1931 and that she paid the hostel at the rate of 12 annas a day in February and April and Rs. 15 for the month of March. The Principal accorded permission to the lecturer to stay in the hostel.

(c) It is stated that two petitions were received by the Superintendent of the hostel who showed them to the Principal, but took no further action on them as they were anonymous. Petitions were also received by Government who examined the allegations made and came to the conclusion that no enquiry was called for.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" May I know whether Miss B. Amirthammal was granted leave for real ill-health or for any other reason ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" It was for ill-health, Sir. "

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Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" Was there any certificate produced, Sir ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" I think so. "

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" May I know, Sir, why she was allowed to stay in the Ice House Home? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" She stayed there with the permission of the Principal and as a guest of one of the residents of the Home. "

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" Has there been any other such woman who was allowed to reside in the Ice House Home ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" Notice, Sir. "

Appointment of Mr. N. Sivaraj as an Assistant Professor in the Law College.

* 351 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. Venkatarama Ayyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Law College Council did not originally send up the name of Mr. N. Sivaraj for appointment as a Lecturer in the Law College;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Government addressed the President of the Law College Council with a view to obtain his consent to the appointment of Mr. N. Sivaraj on the ground of his being a member of the depressed classes and his previous experience for six years as a Lecturer in the College;

(*c*) whether the President in reply informed the Government that the desirability of appointing a member of the depressed classes as Assistant Professor had been considered by the College Council and that nevertheless the Council was unanimously of opinion that Mr. Sivaraj was incompetent for the post; and

(*d*) if so, what reasons compelled the Government to appoint Mr. Sivaraj as an Assistant Professor?

A.—The Government are not prepared to publish correspondence relating to appointments, which is treated as confidential.

Personnel of the Selection Committees of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, and the Engineering College, Guindy.

* 352 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state the number and names of gentlemen serving on the students' selection committees in the Teachers' College, Saidapet, and the Engineering College, Guindy?